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## **RESPONSE**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner For Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2006, the applicants respond herewith as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begins on page 6 of this paper.

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domains for the ER were known before, whether or not this level of localization would be sufficient to locate the LDL receptor, where it could interact with apoB, was unknown. It was not clear at all if the ER was the right place in the secretion pathway for trapping apoB. Despite, any lack of suggestion for the literature, applicants identified an inventive route of delivery and demonstrated that it was effective in lowering serum cholesterol in mammals. This was a highly specific result.

In summary, applicants submit that the combination of the uncertainty arising in general with techniques of genetic engineering, and the uncertainty inherent in dealing with a complex biological system such as cholesterol secretion, makes it unpredictable that the method described by the applicants here would actually work. Thus, there was no motivation or reasonable expectation that combining the cited documents would be successful in advance of applicants' claimed invention.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that in view of the supplemental Declaration and comments, the rejection be respectfully reconsidered and withdrawn, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

A petition for a one-month extension of time is enclosed. No other fees are believed due in regard to this submission. If any other fee is due or any other extension of time is required in this or any subsequent response, please consider this to be a petition for the appropriate extension and a request to charge the petition fee to the Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

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